

STOCKTON SPRINGS. Mrs. Irene Hickborn died at her home on Main street March 1. Mrs. Hickborn was greatly beloved by a large circle of friends, who will mourn her loss deeply. A member and an interested worker in the Grange and the V. L. S. she was ever ready to do her part of the social work. She had been ill for several months. Her husband, Capt. H. A. Hickborn, at only son, Dr. Herman Hickborn of Cambridge, Mass., survive her. The service were held Sunday at the late residence of the deceased, Rev. Myra Kingsbury of Boston officiating.

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Naturally, the domestic arrangements of the Eskimo are extremely simple, the expense and difficulty of transporting things from the world's centers of civilization rendering elaborate furnishings out of the question. Hammocks of woven grass, suspended from hooks in a post are the universal bed and lounges; raw-bone, polished the chairs and carpet the dirt floors; bull-horns and deer antlers, imbedded in the dirt walls, answer well for mirrors, wardrobes and closets; earthenware, big and little, serve a variety of household uses in lieu of breakable crockery, and with little labor on the part of the ranchmen there is always abundance of meat and pork, game, fish, terrapin, berries, milk, cheese, certain fruits, nuts and vegetables. Strange to say, where fresh meats abound the favorite article of consumption is *tasajo*, (jerked beef),—prepared by cutting fresh beef into long, shaving-like strips, rubbing them thoroughly with salt and drying in the sun. *Tasajo* cannot actually "spoil," but grows

ants conspired against useful creatures. It is not for such by-play as rabbits and squirrels, but for coxswells and anacondas. The latter is hunted for its tough skin, which makes excellent shoes, belts, straps, etc., and will out wear any leather. The fat, too, is much esteemed for burning, and as ointment for rheumatic persons. I saw a huge boar dragged into camp by means of a lasso tied to the tail of a horse, and was given an opportunity to examine its jaws. They were furnished with a row of sharp and crooked teeth, and went inward like tetter-hooks. The average anaconda cannot crush such large prey as deer and calves, but holds it securely on these tetter-hooks until its struggles cease from sheer exhaustion; yet it frequently attacks full grown powerful, bulls invariably aiming at the animal's snout, and when once his terrible fangs have been buried in the flesh, the victim seldom escapes. I am told that it is not unusual for a bull to tear a snake

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